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Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston

May 4, 2000 **DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL**

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
455 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

In the matter of: Request for Review by Solomon Schechter Day School of Decision of Universal Service Administrator; FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.

re: Billed Entity Number 2013
Application Number 132804
Funding Request Number 227000

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to request a review of the appeal denied by the SLD for Funding Request Number 227000.

I understand that WAN equipment is not covered under the e-rate program. However, this equipment provides our only access to the Internet, which I believe IS covered by the e-rate program.

We have selected the least cost option to connect our school to the Internet (see attached documentation). If we had chosen to spend nearly \$30,000 to be connected directly to Media One, that expenditure would have qualified. Instead we chose to spend \$8,477 to connect to MediaOne via our second building, and in doing so we have disqualified ourselves from the e-rate program.

I am asking whether you could include our WAN equipment in the e-rate program because it provides our only high speed connection to the Internet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire Caine".

Claire Caine
Technology Coordinator

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Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 1999-2000

April 24, 2000

Claire Caine
Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston
125 Wells Ave.
Newton, MA 02459-3649

Re: Billed Entity Number: 2013
Application Number: 132804
Funding Request Number(s): 227000
Your Correspondence Dated: July 19, 1999

After thorough review and investigation of your appeal, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company has resolved your appeal seeking approval of additional discounts for the second program year. This letter addresses our decision concerning each Funding Request Number that was included in your letter of appeal for the Application Number cited above. If your letter of appeal addressed more than one Application Number, a separate letter will be issued to inform you of our decision on the appeal of each Application Number.

Funding Request Number: 227000
Decision on Appeal: Denied in full

Denial Reason:

The purchase of WAN equipment and components (Cisco 1601 & 1605 routers with interface slots and T1 DSU/CSU for 1600 series) is not eligible under program rules. WAN equipment and components may be eligible for funding if leased from an eligible telecom provider, however the applicant should be sure to check the list of eligible services/products on the Schools and Libraries Division Web Site for future 471 submissions: www.sl.universalservice.org; and/or contact the SLD customer service bureau at 888-201-3100 for further assistance.

If you feel further examination of your application is in order, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which

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July 19, 1999

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125
Correspondence Unit
100 S. Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to appeal the decision not to fund the equipment purchase for the FRN 0000227000. This equipment would be used for connecting one of our buildings to the internet.

Since the internet connection is in our other building, we need to connect the two buildings before we can get to the internet from the first building. The alternative would be to spend \$29,602.23 (see attachment) to get MediaOne to dig under the street and through our property to install a cable to the school. Instead, we chose the cheaper option, which is to spend \$8,477 to connect this building to our other building which already has a MediaOne connection (and which we paid \$2,282.50 for, since they had to dig underground over there as well - see FRN 0000222326 which was denied because the work was completed before July 1, 1999).

I believe that connections to the internet are covered under the e-rate funding rules. This equipment purchase is the only way that one of our buildings would have a high speed internet connection.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Claire Caine
Technology Coordinator
617-928-9106 x1238
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This is Broadband. This is the way.

May 27, 1997

Jeffrey Liberman
Director JERAC
Bureau of Jewish Education
333 Nahanton Street
Newton, MA 02159

Dear Mr. Liberman:

Below please find the *estimate* for the installation of high-speed data service for the Solomon Schechter Middle School located at 125 Wells Ave., in Newton, Massachusetts. As you requested, the line items are listed below for your information.

The contact information you requested for contract requirements in the City of Newton were processed through the Newton Department of Public Works. Mr. Jim Mullar may be a useful personal contact.

Estimate for High-Speed Data Installation Construction
Location: Solomon Schechter Middle School, 125 Wells Avenue, Newton, MA

Contract Labor.....	\$24,486.00
Materials (pipe/vaults).....	2,583.96
Cable/Electronics	1,182.27
Permits/Police details.....	1,050.00
Supervision/Activation.....	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL PROJECT	\$29,602.23

Description of Work:

Length of excavation: from 160 Wells Ave. - 41ft. road crossing / on each side of the crossing the City of Newton requires a grind and overlay of 50ft. The grind depth is to 1 1/2" also there are 4 driveways along the route averaging 33' each it will be necessary to replace the apron from property line to street. The length of excavation along Wells Ave. is 900', set a vault at each driveway. The actual feed to the subscriber at 125 Wells Ave. is approximately 300' and the City of Newton requires a sidewalk restoration of 5' on each side of the cut. We will be requiring a 4" conduit for the street crossing and 3" PVC for all other locations.

As noted above, this is an estimate of the work required to connect the Solomon Schechter School at 125 Wells Avenue to the MediaOne network, additional expenses or savings may occur during the actual construction. In accordance with our educational commitment, video and high-speed data services will be provided free of charge for academic classroom use. Should you decide to accept the estimate, please contact me to schedule construction for the installation. If you have any questions with regard to service or this estimate please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Stephannie Fiori
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